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Happy hunters

Elk Point Firefighters' Easter Egg Hunt participants (left to right) Keanna Radcliffe, Vanessa Ginez and Justin Jamieson made Good Friday even better when they were successful in finding the giant golden eggs and qualified for the grand prizes of Easter baskets overflowing with treats. More photos, Page 8.

MLA hears council's concerns

By CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

Town of Elk Point council met with Lac La Biche-St. Paul Wildrose MLA Shayne Saskiw prior to the regular meeting March 25 to hear information on the provincial budget and discuss areas of concern for the municipality.

"This budget is about \$5.5 billion in debt, our sustainability fund is virtually eliminated and there will only be a couple hundred million left in it. In addition to that, the Heritage Trust Fund of course hasn't gone up, it's less than it was 40 years ago because they've been spending the interest and dividends from it. So, it's a pretty tough budget," Saskiw told council.

Following a discussion on the issues facing the province and the budget impact, Saskiw provided council with an opportunity to bring forth concerns specific to the municipality. Mayor Parrish Tung raised the issue of the length of time new customers have to wait to get power hooked up by ATCO. The six to eight month timeframe to get power hookups to new buildings is a concern, he said, and a potential disadvantage to attracting new investment to communities in the northeast.

"You tell them it's going to be six months but they don't believe you," CAO Myron Goyan said. "I've talked to some of the administrators from the south and they don't have none of the problems we're having."

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Public meeting Wednesday on Elk Point Health Care Centre staffing

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

MLA Shayne Saskiw and MP Brian Storseth have both confirmed that they will attend a public meeting scheduled for tomorrow night at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre to address staffing concerns at the Elk Point Health Care Centre.

Alberta Health Services has been invited to attend to provide current information to area residents regarding operation of the Health Care Centre.

The April 3 meeting was spearheaded by the Town of Elk Point and its Doctors and Staffing Recruitment and Retention Committee, and begins at 7 p.m. Residents of Elk Point, surrounding communities and the rural area are urged to attend and get their questions answered.

Elk Point Health Care Centre has been experiencing

a shortage of registered nurses since October 2012, which resulted in all acute care beds being closed on Nov. 23, at which time the emergency department operation was cut back to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and was closed entirely for a short period around Christmas. The emergency department later returned to full operation. Two acute care beds were opened Feb. 20 and two more since that date.

The closures resulted in ambulances being diverted to St. Paul and Bonnyville, and because Elk Point's physicians could not admit patients, these patients were also sent to those neighboring hospitals, with this added patient load over-taxing those facilities.

The Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul established a fund that they offered as incentives to incoming RNs, and also offered to pay operating costs to bring in contract nurses.

While she called the community's efforts to support recruitment and retention "admirable and important factors in developing a sustainable delivery model," Alberta Health Services North Zone Senior Vice President Shelly Pusch said their offer to fund operating costs for contract nurses was "not necessary," adding that the North Zone would continue to seek resolution to the staffing crisis but would also pursue a sustainable long term solution.

The delays in resolving the staffing issue are of "grave concern" to Mayor Parrish Tung and the Recruitment and Retention Committee, who are hearing numerous complaints from residents experiencing long delays. The heavy oil expansion in the Cold Lake - Bonnyville - Elk Point corridor is felt to add to the problem in terms of population growth and accident potential.

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MLA hears town council's concerns

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Goyan also raised the issue of the runway at the Elk Point airport. He told Saskiw the airport commission has been trying for about three years to get it paved.

"We tendered it once in August of last year and it was double what the estimate was so they shelved it and redid the tender because Transportation is basically going to pay for it or do it. I met today with Transportation people today and they has a nice little document that said, 'sign here - for a dollar you can have the airport,'" Goyan said, add-

ing he told them it would have to go through council and the county.

"Furthermore, why would we take something that's 25 years old in terms of the runway," he said, asking Saskiw to look into the issue.

Tung told Saskiw the Town has two urgent projects it would like to proceed with. He said the new sewage lagoon will go to tender this year and while the province has said it will cover two-thirds of the cost, it is not clear when that money will be forthcoming.

"They prioritized it and said ours is a priority

three, but I think ours is at priority one because we are at max right now. If we start putting too much water in there we might have our outlet sending water into the river that's not quite treated properly," Goyan said. "We've been trying to tell them but they're not listening."

Tung said with the possibility of work camp locating in the community, it would put additional stress on the existing lagoon. Even without the work camp, additional residential and industrial expansion puts pressure on the town to get the lagoon built, he said.

"That becomes a limiting factor and we have to get it done, get it built so that we can actually say that we welcome new people coming in. We're going ahead with it no matter what. However, if we do not get the two-thirds funding we have to either use a line of credit or borrow money in which there's more cost to the taxpayer."

Tung said the second pressing project is increasing the treated water storage capacity for the town.

Dog bylaw

An Elk Point resident facing just over \$1,100 in fines stemming from infractions under the Town of Elk Point's dog bylaw appeared before council March 25. The man's dog has been running at large and two residents have also complained of being chased.

While council felt the dog bylaw should be upheld there was some concern and council agreed the matter should be discussed in camera.

Land Use

Council gave second and third readings to the Town's Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use bylaw. They were both approved unanimously.

A public hearing for the two bylaws was held

March 11 with no objections submitted.

Heritage Lodge

A request from the Heritage Lodge Auxiliary seeking funding assistance from the Town to build a garage to house the new handibus was tabled. The auxiliary is committing \$5,000 to the project and is hoping the Town and County of St. Paul will jointly fund the remaining expense. Based on the quotes received, the two municipalities would need to kick in about \$12,000 each.

"I believe we should protect our investment," Tung said, adding he would talk to the County before the council makes a decision.

Lions Club

Council discussed a letter from the Elk Point Lions Club requesting assistance from the Town to help offset the cost of the club's hosting of its Moose Lake Walleye Tournament in June.

"This is a non-profit organization in town that we work with anyway. We just gave them that money (MSI funding)," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich pointed out. He moved that council provide a couple of golf shirts to the value of \$120, which was approved.

Industrial Park

Council gave their nod

of approval to the Public Works Committee to offer free of charge black dirt from Lot 2, Block 45 in the Industrial Park. He said Elk Point and county residents who want the black dirt would have to pick it up themselves. He said there is an offer to purchase the lot with the condition that the dirt be removed prior to May 31.

CAO Myron Goyan informed council that the black dirt was being advertised in the next day's Elk Point Review as being available for free to Elk Point residents and county residents in Divisions 1 and 2 only. Council said that was incorrect and that it should be offered to all county residents.

"If they want to haul, they can come," Tung said.

Coun. Ron Fraess questioned why council would give away the black dirt and why public works hadn't considered screening it and selling it.

"If you screened it, you could sell it and it has a value," Fraess said. "That dirt is worth quite a bit of money screened. You're giving the product away, you're giving the Town's money away."

"When we decided to sell (Industrial Park lots) we have to stand firm, that means by the middle of May when the gentleman wants to take possession, whatever dirt is there, we have to truck it and we have to put it somewhere. It may cost us more money than we would ever recover, which is what I don't want to see," Tung said. "We cannot leave it there, the guys want to take over possession."

Health centre

The Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council will meet in Elk Point on Wednesday, April 3 at the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tung informed council.

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UNRESERVED AUCTIONS

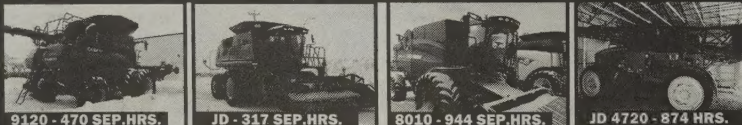
FRI., APRIL 12 - 1 P.M. - GORDON KIESER - MORINVILLE - PH. 780-686-6376

LOCATION: From Morinville 4 miles West to RR 261, then 5 miles North to Twp. Rd. 565 & 1/2 mile West or from Legal West to RR 261 then South to Twp. Rd. 565 and West 1/2 mile (26113-Twp.Rd. 565)
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SUN., APR. 14 - 10 A.M. - GORDON & SHARON KUHN - ELK POINT - PH. 780-645-0163

LOCATION: Elk Point Arts & Leisure Centre - 4605-57 Ave. - Elk Point is 200 km. East of Edmonton on Hwy 41.
FURNITURE: • Antique Bedroom Suite c/w Twin Beds, Vanity & Stool, Nightstand, Wardrobe • 3 Wardrobes • 2 Oak Library Desks • Night Stands • Drop Leaf Tables • Cylinder Desk • 10 Small Tables • Oak Bed • 2 Dressers c/w Wing Mirrors • 2 Chests of Drawers • Rocking Chairs • Washstands • Marble Top Washstand • Kitchen Cupboards • Floor Lamps • Reclining Morris Rocking Chair • Telephone Table • Magazine Racks • Piano Stool • Coat Tree & Coat Rack • Victorian Commode • Tea Trolley • Tin Bathub • Trunks • Wicker Baby Carriage • School Desks • Theatre Seat • 1850's Walnut Dining Table c/w 6 Chairs **COLLECTIBLES:** • Two Wheeled Horse Cart • Cast Iron Heaters & Heating Grates • Water Pumps • 4 GRAMOPHONES including 1 Edison c/w Horn • Service Station Memorabilia • Strathcona Brewing & Malting Oak Keg • Porcelain Signs • Eleven Digit Phone • Radios • Clocks • Records, 8 Track Tapes • Small Violin • Slot Machine • OIL LAMPS Includes Aladdin & Scotty Dog • Coleman & Sad Irons • Butter Churn • Scales • Sewing Machines • Sheet of 40 Uncut One Dollar Bills • Ducks Unlimited items • Pepper & Salt Shakers • Horse Related Items • 3 Beaver fruit jars, including a midget pint, quart, half gal. • 13 oz. Squirrel Peanut Butter Pail • Old Store scale from The Computing Scale Co. of Toronto, Ont. **GLASSWARE:** • Quantity of STONEWARE Includes Some Medallia • Quantity of Fruit Jars • Art & Depression Glass • Figurines • Blue Mountain & Roseville Pottery • Silver-Plate • Some Sterling Silver • CHINA, Includes Some Royal Albert • Delftware • Norman Rockwell Collector Plates c/w Certificates • Royal Copenhagen Plates • Royalty Items **NATIVE ITEMS, PAINTINGS, CARVINGS & MORE:** • NATIVE ITEMS - Including Mukluks, Beaded & Fur Mitts, Small Beaded Items • Original Oil Paintings & Watercolors • Framed Prints • Signed Soapstone Carvings • Framed Moose Hair Tuftings • Approx. 200 Tin Ceiling Tiles • Set of Glass Batteries • Stanley 45 Plane c/w Cutters • Brass Surveyors Wye • Large Saw Blades • Pocket Watches • Quantity of Jewellery **CONSIGNMENT ITEMS:** RESTORED • 1920's Wayne Red Indian Visible Gas Pump • 1920's B/A Gilbert and Barker Visible Gas Pump • 1940 Bennett 541 Red Indian Electric Pump • 1950's Bennett Texaco Electric Pump • 1950's Gulf Southwest Electric Pump • Coca Cola Vendo 33 Drink Machine - working • Pepsi Vendo 33 Drink Machine - working • Red Indian Oil Lubester • B/A Oil Lubester • 4-45 gal. wood Barrels • Wood Washing Machine **APPROX. 500 QUALITY ITEMS**

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SAT., APRIL 27 - 11 A.M. - ANDY KOPIN - GRASSLAND - PH. 780-525-2481

LOCATION: West of Grassland to RR 184 then N. 2 mi. to TWP. Rd. 680, W. 1 mi. to RR. 184.8 & N. 1 mile. **BRIEF LIST:** • JD 8440, JD 4020 • CAT D4D • MASSEY 8460 Combine • JD 2420 Swather • JD 9450 - 30' Hoe Drills • JD 230 - 25' DISC • Spray Coupe 220 • TILLAGE, TRUCKS, HAYING EQUIP. & GRAIN BINS

TUES., APR.30 - 10 A.M. - CHARLES YUSHCHYSHYN - VEGREVILLE - PH. 780-632-4361

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul Senior's Centre

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(South of RC Church)

Guest Speaker: Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk

MLA for Edmonton-Castle Downs

Deputy Premier &

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Library membership climbs in 2012

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Municipal Library has "experienced notable growth in numerous areas," library manager Daphne Schnurer reported at last week's annual meeting. Statistics show that membership has climbed from 1,062 county residents and 650 town residents to 1,526 county and 749 town residents for a phenomenal 32.9 per cent increase, while inter-library loans going to other libraries increased by 14.8 per cent and the increased popularity of e-books saw those figures more than triple. The library's collection of materials has increased by 17.3 per cent, while the total circulation of materials was up a modest 2.4 per cent.

One of the year's highlights was the refurbishing of the children's area, with the dedicated Friends of the Library purchasing a floor mat, an activity centre and an early literacy computer. The area also has a bright new colour scheme, as well as a number of new books for the young patrons to enjoy. The Friends also assisted with the acquisition of new collections of French and high-interest, low-vocabulary books.

"We are constantly striving to improve library awareness and create new partnerships, generating a positive link between us and the community," Schnurer noted in her annual report.

Library Board chair Laverne Wilson said it is once again time for the board to seek out input from interest groups and community surveys for an update of the library's plan of service, which is redone every five years.

Reviewing the past five years, the board concludes that they have met the "To Do" goals they set in the previous plan, including improving adult, teen and children's book inventories, with the inclusion of bilingual books and development of the reading area for patron comfort, providing life-long learning needs of the community's library services, and making the library available to the community for extra-curricular activities, meetings and other events as required. This past year, in addition to the Elk Point Historical Society and the Friends of the Forts, the Elk Point OORP and the 4-H Multi Club have also held some of their meetings at the library, with the OORP holding their Mother's Day Tea and the Historical Society a very successful history afternoon at the library.

The library's own programming has included sponsorship of an author visit, held last Seniors' Week at Heritage Lodge, the Alzheimer's Coffee Break, a Halloween party with tea leaf reading and a visit by the Cow Bus as well as the weekly knitting and needlework sessions, monthly seniors' teas and book

club gatherings, twice-weekly exercise classes, volunteer week barbecue and summer reading program.

"This past year has been very positive for our library, due to the continued support of the Town of Elk Point, the County of St. Paul, our governments and local companies and patrons," he said.

Wilson and vice-chair Sherry Milholland were returned to the executive by acclamation. The position of treasurer is currently vacant.

Storyteller, authors to visit

More exciting news was also announced last week at the board meeting which followed.

Elk Point Municipal Library has just received the exciting news that a storyteller and two authors will be coming to

visit on Wednesday, April 17, as part of the Young Alberta Book Society's Wordpower Author Tour, sponsored by Cenovus Energy.

Storyteller Kathy Jessup and authors Larry Loyie and Constance Brissenden will be on hand for the 7 p.m. presentation.

Edmonton storyteller and children's author Kathy Jessup is now in her second decade of entertaining audiences across Canada in schools, libraries, concerts and festivals. Her stories have been published in children's magazines, including chickadee and in the Alberta Centennial anthology, Under the Wide Blue Sky: Alberta Stories to Read and Tell. She also presents writing workshops for children.

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Opportunity for groups to join Canada Day lineup

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Planning for Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations is progressing slowly but surely, with just under three months to go before the big July 1 event.

While "Celebrate Canada" has been the event's theme for the past few years, the suggestion that Elk Point should "Celebrate Canada's Youth" this year was tossed out to the Canada Day Committee. The idea was met with interest, as members gave their input on youth they felt should be honoured, from sports teams to academic award winners, and who could be invited to lead the Canada Day parade.

Children's activities and the Bear Den Strength Challenge have been confirmed as part of the day's lineup, and the committee's new secretary-treasurer, Deena Smith, confirmed that Rollie Poitras and his band would be featured at the afternoon stage show. "He said it would be like coming home for him," she noted.

The venue and sound system are confirmed for the Canada Day Idol, and organizer Dee Pankiw is just waiting for confirmation from some of the prize donors "before I put the entry forms together" and get them out to potential entrants, she said.

The chamber of commerce pancake

breakfast and Elk Point Co-op's sidewalk lunch barbecue have been confirmed as well, but two big gaps still exist in the current lineup. Organizers for the Farm Survival Challenge or last year's variation, the Dare Challenge, are not available this year, and the Elks Lodge, which has sold its hall and no longer as the necessary facilities, will not be doing the beef-on-a-bun

supper this year.

Those cancellations open up an opportunity for other community groups to get on board, Smith noted. She plans to contact groups and organizations to determine their interest in filling the gaps with food and entertainment for the late-afternoon time slot.

Letters will also be going out shortly to businesses and groups in search of financial

ATTENTION ALL AREA RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, MÉTIS & FIRST NATIONS HEALTHCARE IN ELK POINT

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2013
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
at Elk Point Senior Centre

As you are aware: we have had very limited ability to admit patients needing care in our hospital since November 2012, with no solution in sight.

We have invited Alberta Health Services to a public meeting to answer our questions and get our hospital functioning at full capacity.

If you have concerns, be sure to attend.



Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyeboade



- In the 19th century, there was no control over the sale of "patented" medicines and many contained addictive substances like laudanum, which contains tincture of opium. It made addicts out of many people. An example was Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Many babies died because they were breastfed by mothers taking the nostrum and the child's immature metabolic system couldn't handle the narcotic and died from it. There is much more control and safety today.
- More than 50,000 Canadians have a stroke each year and one-third die from it. Speed is of the essence for successful treatment so being familiar with the signs of a stroke is important. They include: sudden weakness, trouble speaking, sudden vision problems, sudden headache and dizziness. Call 911 ASAP.
- Listening and playing music is good for your health and well-being. However, some musicians can develop stress injuries playing certain instruments. Examples include "fiddler's neck" due to the chin-rest on the violin. Clarinetists can get a form of contact dermatitis called cheilitis on the middle of the lower lip. And cellists can get some soreness or redness on the ribs from contact with the cello.
- As we age, we have more medical problems and often there is a "pill of every" ill. Our body's ability to metabolize and excrete drugs lessens with age due to our reduced kidney and liver functions. Dizziness can occur often in the elderly and may be due to medications. Talk to your doctor and pharmacist if you are concerned.
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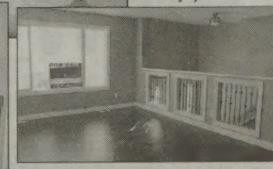
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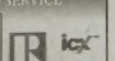


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EDITORIAL

R.I.P. Ralph

Alberta has lost one of its elder statesmen, with the death of former premier Ralph Klein on Friday.

This was a man who made a steep but steady climb from high school drop-out to television news reporter to mayor of Calgary to MLA to Premier.

As a politician, not everything he did pleased everyone, but as a former TV weatherman, he was used to that, and smiled and carried on regardless. His quest to eliminate the province's \$23 billion debt was relentless, as cutbacks affected each and every one of us, cutting services, demolishing elderly hospitals, scrimping and saving until it was paid in full.

Leaders like Ralph are few and far between.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Easter snow, gold and silver, first female

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2 IN...

1988

With Easter Sunday only days away, a massive dump of snow made Elk Point and area look more like Christmas, with both the District 4-H Public Speaking competition and the United Church Easter Cantata rescheduled. Industrial land was on town council's agenda, with new signage suggested to encourage sales of the available lots.

1993

Figure skater Charlene Anderson brought home the Junior Ladies' Freeskate provincial gold from the Alberta Winterskate competition. The combined Elk Point Bantam Elks - Bantam Lightning team took the silver in the D event at the 10th Annual Value Drug Mart Spring Classic hockey tournament in Calgary.

1998

The newly modernized F. G. Miller High School was a most appropriate venue for the St. Paul Education Division No. 1 annual meeting, with school trustee Ray Danyluk proudly leading his fellow board members on a tour of the facility. There was romance times seven at Elk Point Community Choir's dinner theatre presentation of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

2003

Elk Point Minor Hockey celebrated 30 years at their annual awards banquet, with Elyse Anton Roberts the first female winner ever of the Alex Kurash Memorial Trophy for peewee age players. Lakeland Regional Health Authority wrapped up business before becoming the new Region 7 on April 1.

2008

Town council got on board with the chamber of commerce train station project, committing a \$30,000 donation over three years and approximately an equal in-kind donation to the project, such as installation of water and sewer lines. Elk Point Peewee Avalanche coach John Quinney presented the Alex Kurash Memorial Award to first year peewee Dakota Amyotte at the Elk Point Minor Hockey windup.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.



GUEST COLUMN

'The New Smart'

Now, what on earth is "The New Smart"? The New Smart is highly creative, counterintuitive, innovative, beyond our comfort zone, making change, unconventional, leaning into fear, pushing through less-than-ideal circumstances, turning down the volume on critics and trusting the voice inside your own head. Who said all of this? Richie Norton said this in his book: "The Power of Starting Something Stupid". I just started reading this book, and it is very interesting - and yes, it makes sense.

Who do we know that has started something stupid? Let me give you some people who did something stupid that Richie refers to. One example is the telephone. Western Union originally rejected the telephone, saying in an internal memo in 1876. "The device is inherently of no value to us." Another example is the automobile. In 1903, the president of Michigan Savings Bank advised Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Company. "The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty, a fad." Then, we can't forget Walt Disney. Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor because "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas."

The book goes on to develop the idea of doing something the person wants to do but hesitates because others or other circumstances look upon it as something stupid. Then if we DO do something stupid and it turns out successful, we can't get caught in the trap of thinking we have arrived because now it is the "standard".

For example Henry Ford, powered by enthusiasm and anchored to his goal by a deeply held conviction, used his many failures as stepping-stones, instead of as stumbling blocks, to move him toward his eventual success of making the Ford "Model T". It was successful. But Henry Ford refused even to consider replacing his beloved Model T. Once, while he was away on vacation, employees built an updated Model T and surprised him with it on his return. Ford responded by kicking in the windshield and stomping on the roof. "We got the message," one of the employees said later. "As far as he was concerned, the Model T was god and we were to put away false images."

Henry Ford literally smashed and stomped on

the efforts of his entrepreneurial employees to make improvements to the Model T, while the rest of the world watched Ford's market share plummet until it was swallowed up by General Motors two decades later. One of the primary reasons GM overtook

Ford was because GM embraced what they called "planned obsolescence" and "regularizing change" by rolling out new cars every year. GM understood that constantly returning to stupid - constantly innovating - is critical in order to stay relevant within a competitive market. By 1926, Model T sales had

plummeted, the realities of the marketplace finally convinced Henry Ford that the end was at hand. At that point, Ford finally loosened his grip and courageously returned to stupid. He sent his workers home, shut down his Highland Park factory for six months, and went on to design the Model A, which "was a success from its launch in December 1927, and placed the company on sound footing again."

Now how does all of this relate to what is happening today? Well, let us think about this. There is so much technology today, that it seems like some of us are fighting to change and accept changes. Then what happens? Our fear of change leads to procrastination. Then when we decide we might try to change, technology has changed again and we are really further behind. We need to think "New Smart"

Speaking of the "New Smart" and doing something stupid that turns out to be the "New Smart", I have come up with the idea of changing the first day of spring to the day when I hear the Meadow Lark sing. I am forgetting the day of March 20 as the first day of spring, because it didn't happen. Mother Nature sent a snowstorm instead. So she wasn't accepting what our calendars were saying. I know we learned in school that the first day of spring is determined when the earth has tilted a bit more on its axis so that we now get longer days of sunlight. Now my question is: If that is the case, how come the weather didn't suddenly change at the same time? Of course sudden doesn't always happen. So therefore spring didn't arrive. Therefore I will wait for spring to arrive and I will know it has arrived when I can hear the Meadow Lark sing. Now you decide if my stupid idea qualifies as the "New Smart"!!

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from the FCSS desk



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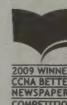
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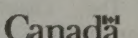
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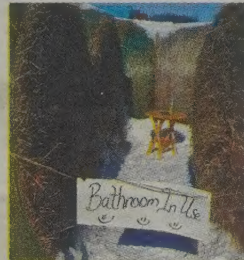


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Some of our Multi Club members with our hosts, the Klatts. At left, a group of members arriving on top of the hill with a little help from Darryl and the snowmobile.



We even had an outdoor bathroom for our use.

Toboggan fun for 4-H

By WOLKE CUEVA
Elk Point 4-H Multi Club

On Sunday March 24 the 4-H Multi Club had a Toboggan Party at the Klatt Ranch.

It was a great sunny day with plenty of snow. We spend most of our day tobogganing, Lunch was a wiener roast,

S'mores and hot chocolate, followed by more tobogganing.

We ended the day with a ranch tour, petting some new baby lambs and scaring one of the cats by accident. I think it lost a few lives in the process.

A big thank you to the Klatt family for having us out.

Authors

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Larry Lovie is an award-winning Cree author who was born in Slave Lake and whose dream of becoming an author started when he was 12 and read a magazine article about American author Ernest Hemingway, who lived an exciting life traveling the world. Lovie did not start writing until age 55, but now he and his co-author Constance Brissenden have five books to their credit, based on his traditional Cree childhood and his experience in residential school. Their first book, *As Long as the Rivers Flow* was published in 2002, and the latest, *The Moon Speaks Cree: A Winter Adventure* will be coming out in 2013. They also has three more books in progress. Brissenden also is the author of a number of history and travel books.

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Big thanks to all my family, friends, Dr. Ramful, nurses and EMT's for all your care and concerns you had for me.

Olga Seniuk

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Sandy Semenyna

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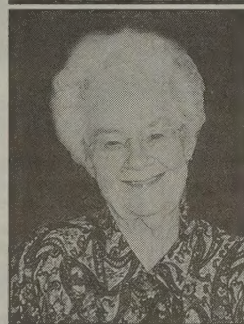
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OBITUARY

EVTUSHEVSKI, Maud Nesta



On March 26, 2013, Mrs. Maud Nesta Evtushevski of Elk Point passed away.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Jane (Randy) Lowe of Elk Point & Margaret (Marc) Marcoux of St. Paul; 5 grandchildren, Corrine (Tim) Nelson, Cristine (Ferlin) Andrews, Corey Lowe, John Marcoux & Michelle Marcoux; 5 great-grandchildren, Carson, Cooper, Tyler, Phebe & Memphis; sister, Jane DelNevo of England; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John; parents, Thomas & Mary Lloyd; 2 brothers, Morgan & David; sister, Lydia.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m., at Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel, St. Paul, with Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating. If desired, donations may be made to Parkview Extended Care or Heritage Lodge c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB. T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Local pool team right on cue!



The Elk Point Truss Rafters pool team has qualified for the regional playoffs in Spruce Grove in June. The Rafters represented the Bonnyville league in the triannual playdowns in Spruce Grove on March 15-17, finishing in third spot to secure a place in the regional tournament. The top three teams from the regional competition win a berth in the Las Vegas tournament in August. Congratulations to (left to right) Dwayne Yaremkevich, Brant Evans, Curtis Porcina, Darcy Stafford, Joe MacKinnon and Dustin Yaremkevich on their success.

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Big Bunny!

A delighted Elvis Sibal brought his daughter Heidi up to claim her prize of a giant Easter bunny at the Firefighters' Association Easter Egg Hunt.



Breakfast first!

Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters cooked up a mountain of pancakes and sausages for the appreciative crowd to make sure everyone had plenty of energy for the Easter Egg Hunt.



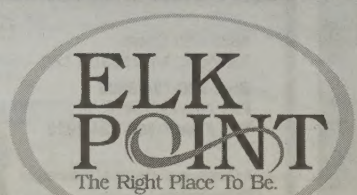
The hunt is on!

Youngsters looked high and low and in some very unusual places as they filled bags, baskets and buckets with Easter candy, with one lucky child from each age group finding the golden grand prize qualifier.



Ready to roll

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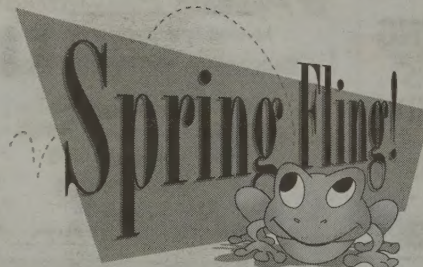
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Following the meeting, an open house from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. will take place providing residents with the opportunity to get answers to questions about the Elk Point Health Centre and staffing challenges.

"Hopefully, we can see the end of the tunnel some way, somewhere," Tung said. "I'm going to push and push until we get 12 acute care beds opened, until the doctors are happy, until we have a full complement of nurses, that is what we are working for."